

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the present application. In summary, the Examiner withdrew the previous rejection of the pending claims over Medvinsky et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0047484). The Examiner now combines a secondary reference Slaughter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,898,618) along with Medvinsky to allegedly satisfy the rejections of claims 1-11.

Specifically, claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Medvinsky in view of Slaughter.

Medvinsky is directed to a method for an uninitialized client to obtain credentials from a server which are then used to provide authenticated exchange for network configuration parameter assignment. The obtained credentials can be applied to an authentication option when a dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) is being used for address assignment.

Slaughter is directed to a mechanism for a client to specify a display service to be used by a service for displaying data for the client in a distributed computing environment. A display service exists on or is associated with the device on which the client resides that the client wishes to use to display the results of the service. When the client runs the service, the client may send a message to the service specifying the service advertisement of the client's display service. The service may then generate a message channel that allows it to send messages to the client's display service. Thus, when displaying results, the service invoked by the client becomes a client of the client's display service and sends its results, directly or by reference, for display to that display service. *See Abstract of Slaughter.*

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants previously argued that Medvinsky does not disclose or suggest at least, "generating by said user equipment a credential based upon a

user password being associated to said user and a session parameter being determined by said user equipment for said session which is being established,” as recited in claim 1. In the present Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Medvinsky does not teach the above-quoted feature, however the Examiner alleges that the newly applied reference Slaughter makes up for this particular deficiency of Medvinsky. Specifically, the Examiner cites col. 54, lines 20-26 and col. 62, lines 4-12 of Slaughter as allegedly satisfying the above-quoted feature of claim 1.

In response, Applicants note that Slaughter does discuss receiving authentication credentials from an authentication service when a service is instantiated and admitting the credential and messages sent to a service. The cited portion of Slaughter also mentions that a service may send a credential when first received to a first authentication service used by the client to generate a credential. However, there is no teaching or suggestion of the specific feature of a user equipment generating a credential based upon a user password being associated with the user. This specific feature is nowhere taught or suggested by Slaughter, and the Examiner acknowledges that Medvinsky does not teach this particular feature.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the applied references, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the above-quoted feature of claim 1.

Applicants submit that dependent claims 2-6 and 10 are patentable at least based on their indirect or direct dependencies from independent claim 1.

With respect to independent claims 7 and 8, Applicants maintain the previously submitted arguments as the Examiner does not substantively respond to the previously submitted arguments with respect to claims 7 and 8. The Examiner simply repeats the same arguments that were set forth in the prior Office Action.

Applicants maintain that dependent claims 9 and 11 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claim 8 and 7.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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